

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of a deliberate miscarriage of journalistic integrity and represents and extraordinary disservice to this country. Dictatorships provide propaganda labeled as news; what is being proposed is disturbingly reminiscent of Nazi Germany and Communist China. The country is already sufficiently polarized; It's time that the collective American media provided a path away from the pigsty, not to mention their obligation to serve the public interest with a fair and balanced presentation of information. Presenting what is clearly a political hatchet job and attempting to steer the course of the election by exhibiting this biased infomercial without giving equal opportunity to the opposing political party is a breach of even the lowest of standards. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you, Benno Friedman